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**PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a)
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - GROUP 1808**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Eric A. JOHNSON et al.

Application No: 08/458,019

Group Art Unit: 1808

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Examiner: H. Lilling

For: **PROCESSES FOR IN VIVO PRODUCTION OF ASTAXANTHIN AND PHAFFIA
RHODOZYMA YEAST OF ENHANCED ASTAXANTHIN CONTENT**

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Sir:

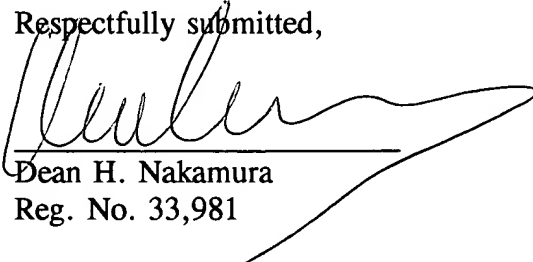
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a), Applicants hereby request withdrawal of the final rejection mailed November 13, 1996 (Paper No. 16), in the above-identified application, which has been pending for at least two years as of June 8, 1995, taking into account any reference made in the above-identified application to any earlier filed application under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120, 121 and 365(c).

A check for the statutory fee of **\$395.00** as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a), is attached. Please charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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